

NEW EARSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Report 2022-23

Your Parish Councillors

The Parish Council comprises ten Councillors and a Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer who works part time based at the Parish Council Office at New Earswick Primary School.

Your Councillors are:-

Cllr Sue Glenton (Chair)

Cllr Roy Love (Vice Chair)

Cllr Christine Cooke

Cllr Christine Durrant

Cllr Darren Newton

Cllr Yvonne Orton

Cllr Carol Runciman

Cllr Audrey Steel

Cllr Danila Taylor

Cllr Ray Taylor

Covid 19 and a New Office

The legacy of the Covid virus did mean that the office in the Folk Hall was not fit for purpose relating to full Parish Council meetings. After some negotiation a new office was acquired in the New Earswick Primary School. The monthly meetings are booked into the Folk Hall (for a fee) as the school is not open in the evenings but the clerk has a workable space.

Finance

The precept for 2022-23 was set at £28,000. This sum was arrived at by looking at the expected expenditure for the forthcoming year and taking into account the reserves of the Council. Each year the accounts are examined at an independent internal audit and then passed to the external auditors. The accounts are available for inspection by prior arrangement with the Clerk. The Finance Committee of the Council meets regularly and ensures any recommendations made by the auditors are carried out.

Grants

During each financial year, Parish Councils are able to offer grants. If your organisation would like to be considered for financial support, please contact the Clerk for an application form or download

one from our website. This year grants have been awarded to the Swimming Pool, Community Newsletter, The British Legion, the Sports and Social Club and the Library. All pupils at the Primary School received a Jubilee mug.

Environment

The Parish Council assets (Grit Bins, Bus Shelters and benches) have been checked as fit for purpose. Some maintenance work is due but there is the usual difficulty in finding trades people willing to take on this work

The Community Walkabouts are being continued by NERF, but as previously reported the responsibility for acknowledging and referring problems within the village can still be met by each councillor as the group is spread out across the village. Initial contact with the Clerk is advised to highlight any issues for referral to the Trust or COYC. One councillor continues the work with JRHT and other organisations on recycling.

Membership

We continue to be members of various local and national groups and societies that are relevant to the work of the Council including:-

City of York Council - Ward meetings

Friends of New Earswick Swimming Pool (FoNESP)

Open Spaces Society

Our Haxby Community (Patients input group for local surgery)

River Foss Society

Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC)

Yorkshire Local Councils Associations (YLCA).

York Bus Forum

Members of the Parish Council regularly attend meetings of these and other external organisations.

Policing

The Parish Council receives a monthly update relating to incidents and the initiatives that are being undertaken by the Police. In addition there are police attending our meetings when possible. The PCSOs have attended several meetings during this year to introduce new members of their team or offer advice on the current situation. They have recently joined with two Councillors in the Folk Hall to hold a monthly open morning for any residents with concerns and to also offer crime prevention advice to residents and property marking schemes. Vandalism and anti social behaviour appear to have been reduced this year and the village of New Earswick continues to be a relatively low crime area; however should contact with the police be required the details are listed below:

To make contact: - Telephone 101 or you can email:- snavorkouter@northyorkshire.police.uk

Consultation/Community

The Parish Council is consulted by COYC on planning applications for properties within the Parish. The Parish Council also responds to COYC and other organisations regarding policies and proposals that concern the Parish. The majority of requests relate to tree works in the Parish. A new Local Plan is still being developed by COYC for the future development of housing. Current planning applications are still being considered by COYC in relation to 'The Old School Field' and two more areas in the village in Acacia Avenue and Garthway. The Bowling Club, although not within the village boundary, has been suggested by JRHT as a site for demolition and new houses to be erected. The Parish Council has discussed and responded to all of these. Commemorative mugs were donated to all the children of New Earswick Primary School to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. Four Councillors attended to meet all the pupils. The Parish Council has been considering projects for the celebration of the coronation of King Charles III in May.

Meetings

Parish Council meetings have continued to take place in the Folk Hall since the office move and all residents are welcome to attend. These are held every third Monday in the month (except December) commencing at 19.00 hours at the Folk Hall. Agendas and minutes from meetings are displayed on the Parish notice boards and are available on the Parish Council web site.

Contact

To contact any of the above Councillors please do so via the Clerk in the first instance: -

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Cllr Sue Glenton(Chair) April 2023